

# Mark your calendars

## Many events make new year colourful

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**H**appy New Year to you. I hope your holiday season was enjoyable. I realise that with sub-zero temperatures outside just now, it is hard to imagine venturing out, but it will get better! I have listed some of the upcoming events in this country that you might like to mark on your calendars.

### Yorvik Festival

The Yorvik Festival is held Feb. 8 - 15 in York, North Yorkshire. The festival is colourful with a Viking theme which includes fireworks displays, torchlit processions, longboat races and concerts. For more information, call the Yorvik Festival Office at (01904) 643211, or write to Piccadilly House, 55 Piccadilly, York, YO1 1PL.

### Chinese New Year, Year of Ox

The Chinese New Year is celebrated Feb. 9 in Leicester Square, London. This is a traditional celebration to bring in the Chinese New Year with dragon dances, music and street entertainment. For more information, call Malcom Man at (0171) 734 5161, or write Lison House, 173 Wardour Street, London W1V 3TA.

### University boat race

The annual Oxford vs. Cambridge University Boat Race is March 29 on the River Thames between Putney and Mortlake, London. For more information, call (0171) 379 3234.

### Flora London Marathon

The 26-mile Flora London Marathon is April 13. It starts at Blackheath, finishes in The Mall and covers a course through the heart of London. For details, call (0171) 620 4117.

### Flower parade, country fair

Britain's biggest and best flower festival is May 3 - 5 in Spalding, Lincolnshire, and

includes the Spalding Flower Parade and Springfields Country Fair. The parade takes place May 5. The fair includes stalls, music and entertainment. For more information, call the commercial manager at (01775) 724843, or write to Springfields, Camelgate, Spalding, Lincolnshire, PE12 6ET.

### Motor cycling grand prix

The Isle of Man Motor Cycling Grand Prix is May 26 - June 6 at various venues on the island. For details, call (01624) 624104.

### Trooping the Colour

Trooping the Colour is June 14 and celebrates the Queen's Official Birthday Parade in Whitehall, London. It is a colourful ceremony with music and pageantry during which Her Majesty The Queen takes the salute. It begins at 11 a.m. To get tickets, write to the Ticket Office, HQ Household Division, Chelsea Barracks, London SW1H 8RF. Enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope. For more information, call (0171) 414 2357.

### Royal Ascot

Royal Ascot, a horse-racing festival, is June 17 - 20 at Ascot Racecourse in Berkshire. This famous annual event is attended by members of the Royal Family and is renowned as much for its grand show of fashion as for its high racing standards. For details, call (01344) 22211.

### Dickens' Festival

The Dicken's Festival is June 21 - 28 at various venues in Broadstairs, Kent. For more information, call (01843) 863453.

### Tennis championships

The Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Championships are June 23 - July 6 at Wimbledon, London. The doubles and singles championships for men and women attract many visitors each year. Although tickets are allocated by a ballot and the deadline for entry was in December, outside court tickets are available daily at the gate. To be included in next year's ballot, send for information from The All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, Church Road, Wimbledon, London, SW19 5AE. For details, call (0181) 946 2244.

### Henley Royal Regatta

The Henley Royal Regatta is July 2 - 6 at Henley-on-Thames in Oxfordshire. As well as being an international rowing event, it is also one of the big social events of the year. Straw boaters, striped blazers and strawberry teas by the river are very much part of the scene. For more information, call (01491) 572153.

### British grand prix

The British Grand Prix is July 10 - 13 at the Silverstone Circuit in Northamptonshire. This Formula 1 championship is the highlight of the motor racing calendar. For more information, call (01327) 857271, or write to Silverstone Circuits Limited, Towcester, Northamptonshire, NN12 8TN.

### Royal Tournament

The Royal Tournament is July 15 - 26 at the Earls Court Exhibition Centre, Warwick Road, in London. It is a military display of skill and pageantry by the armed forces in aid of service charities. For details, call (0171) 370 8202, or write to Box Office, Earls Court Exhibition Centre, Warwick Road, London, SW5 9TA.

### Golf championship

The British Open Golf Championship is July 17 - 20 on the Royal Troon Golf Course in Scotland. For more information, call (01334) 472112.

### Cambridge Folk Festival

The Cambridge Folk Festival is July 25 - 27 at Cherry Hinton Hall Grounds in Cambridge. It is a festival of folk music in its broadest sense, featuring top international artists. For more information, call (01223) 463363.

### Edinburgh Tattoo

The Edinburgh Tattoo is Aug. 1 - 23 in Edinburgh, Scotland. Scotland's premier event presents the Massed Bands of Her Majesty's Royal Marines together with the Military Bands of The Scottish Division and the Massed Pipes and Drums representing Scotland's regiments. There will be many fringe events in the city during August. For more information, call (0131) 225 1188 or write to The Tattoo Office, 32 Market Street, Edinburgh, EH1 1QB.

### Notting Hill Carnival

The Notting Hill Carnival is Aug. 24 - 25 at Ladbroke Grove, London. This is an annual West Indian carnival with stalls, steel bands, dance and processions. For more information, call (0181) 964 0544, or write to Notting Hill Carnival Enterprises Limited, 332 Ladbroke Grove, London W10 5AH.

### International boat show

The Southampton International Boat Show is Sept. 13 - 21 at Mayflower Park, Southampton, Hampshire. It is an exhibition covering all aspects of marine activities and is the largest of its kind in Europe. For more information, call (01784) 473377.



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